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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Also enclosed are a copy of the listed documents and a copy of a communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated December 1, 2003, citing the documents in a counterpart application. Additionally, an English translation of the communication is enclosed.

An explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts and in the communication.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been mailed in this application.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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